Sarah Medary

Boudjerada v City of Eugene

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
            FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON
HASHEEM BOUDJERADA; DAMON ) No. 6:20-cv-1265-MK
COCHRAN-SALINAS; ERIN GRADY; )
TYLER HENDRY; and KIRTIS
RANESBOTTOM,
             Plaintiffs,
   v.
CITY OF EUGENE; SARAH MEDARY; )
WILLIAM SOLESBEE; SAMUEL STOTTS;)
BO RANKIN; TRAVIS PALKI; MICHAEL)
CASEY; ANTHONY VIOTTO; and RYAN )
UNDERWOOD,
            Defendants.
            DEPOSITION OF SARAH MEDARY
                  June 30, 2021
                    Wednesday
                    10:04 A.M.
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               THE VIDEOTAPED DEPOSITION OF SARAH MEDARY
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      Country Club Road, Kilcullen Conference Room,
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      Eugene, Oregon, before Sara Fahey Wilson, CSR,
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      Oregon.
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                    THE VIDEOGRAPHER:
                                        We are on the
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               Today is Wednesday, June 30th, 2021.
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     time is 10:04 a.m. This is the deposition of Sarah
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     Medary in the matter of Boudjerada, et al., versus
     City of Eugene, et al.
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                    Our court reporter is Sara Fahey
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     Wilson. My name is Claire Maederer, and I'm CC
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     Reporting's remote video technician.
                    At this time I'd like to ask counsel
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     to identify themselves and who they represent, and
     then the reporter will swear in the witness.
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                    MS. DUGAN: Marianne Dugan for the
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     plaintiffs.
                    MS. REGAN: Lauren Regan for the
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     plaintiffs.
                    MR. MILLER: Ben Miller for the
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     defendants.
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                          SARAH MEDARY,
      having been first duly sworn to testify the truth,
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          the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, was
                 examined and testified as follows:
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     / / /
2.3
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     / / /
     / / /
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1 EXAMINATION BY MS. DUGAN: 2 3 Q. Good morning, Ms. Medary. I'm Marianne 4 I represent the plaintiffs in the Boudjerada versus the City of Eugene case. 5 6 And could you state your full name. 7 Sarah Jane Medary. Α. 8 Q. Okay. 9 Are there any factors that could affect 10 your memory right now like medication or your ability to understand questions? 11 12 Α. No. 13 Q. Okay. Have you ever participated in a deposition 14 before? 15 Α. 16 Yes. How many, about? 17 I feel like maybe two. It's been a really 18 Α. long time. 19 Q. 20 Okay. 21 Α. Yeah. 22 Q. What was the context? One was a landlord/tenant issue that I was 2.3 24 one of the tenants that got called. Many years ago. 25 The other was -- I feel like there was a City of

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1
     Eugene deposition around a union issue.
2
      can't remember if it was a deposition or if it was
      just a meeting.
3
4
          Q.
                That's fine. Okay.
                No police issues in depositions before?
5
6
          Α.
                No.
7
          Q.
                Okay.
8
                Or at trial?
                Not that I recall. I mean, yeah.
9
          Α.
10
          Q.
                And have you ever testified at a trial?
11
          Α.
                I don't think so.
12
          Q.
                Okay.
13
                And I'm sure your attorney has explained
      this, but if you don't understand one of my
14
15
      questions, please let me know and I'll try to
      clarify. And when you answer, please say yes or no
16
      as opposed to shaking your head or nodding your head
17
      so that the court reporter can get your answer down
18
      correctly.
19
20
          Α.
                Okay.
21
                And did you review any documents to
22
     prepare for today's deposition other than
      communications with your attorney?
2.3
24
          Α.
                I communicated with him, and I looked at
      the interrogatory. I just reread that. Looked at
25
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1
      the emergency declaration.
 2
                The original one and the ones following,
          Q.
      or any particular one?
 3
 4
          Α.
                The original one.
                I guess only one was actually the
 5
 6
      emergency declaration. Right?
 7
                Yeah.
                        Yeah.
          Α.
 8
                And other than attorneys, who have you
9
      discussed this litigation with, if anybody?
                You mean like discussed in terms of, like,
10
      reviewed information, or just said, Hey, I'm going
11
      to be deposed today?
12
                Substantively, yeah, as far as --
13
          Q.
          Α.
                Yeah.
                       Nobody.
14
15
          Q.
                Okay.
                Have you -- let's see. What's your
16
      current job title?
17
          Α.
                City manager.
18
19
                And at one point you were interim city
          Q.
20
      manager?
                        It's technically called pro tem.
21
          Α.
22
          Q.
                Pro tem?
2.3
          Α.
                Yeah.
24
          Q.
                And how long was that?
25
                From October -- I think it was the 19th --
          Α.
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1
      through mid June.
 2
          Q.
                Okay.
 3
                October 19th of twenty --
 4
          Α.
                2019, yeah.
                -- nineteen to mid June of --
 5
          Q.
 6
          Α.
                2020.
 7
          Q.
                How long -- let's see.
 8
                What was your job title before you were
      the pro tem in October of 2019?
9
                Public works director.
10
          Α.
11
          Q.
                And how long were you there?
          Α.
12
                Two years.
13
          Q.
                That was with the City of Eugene?
          Α.
                Yes.
14
15
          Q.
                And how long overall have you worked with
      the City?
16
17
                Just over 25 years.
          Q.
                All right.
18
19
                When you first started with the City of
      Eugene what was your job title?
20
21
                Parks Specialist 2.
22
               And what other job titles have you had at
      the City?
2.3
24
                Parks Specialist 3. Program -- I was the
      Erosion Prevention Program Specialist. Engineering
25
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1
      Permit Supervisor. Parks Maintenance Supervisor.
2
      Park Operations Manager. Natural Resource
3
     Operations Manager. Recreation Division Manager.
4
     Assistant City Manager. Planning and Development
      Executive Director. I think that's all.
5
6
          Q.
                Okay.
7
                When did you become the Assistant City
8
     Manager?
          Α.
                I think John hired me in 2008.
9
10
          Q.
                Okay.
                And that was John who?
11
          Α.
                Ruiz, R-U-I-Z.
12
13
                Who hired you, or the how did the process
      work for you to become pro tem city manager?
14
15
          Α.
                The city manager retired, and under the
      city charter the Mayor has the responsibility to
16
17
      appoint a pro tem city manager, and so I was
      appointed by Lucy Benez.
18
19
                And then when you became the city manager
          Q.
      in mid June of last year, was that also an
20
      appointment by Lucy Benez?
21
22
                No.
                     That was a vote by the Eugene city
      council.
2.3
24
          Q.
                Okay.
                Do you hold any professional licenses?
25
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1
                     I am a certified coach, but I don't
                No.
2
      think that's what you're looking for.
          Q.
                Okay.
3
4
                Are you on any boards of directors?
                      I'm on the United Way board and
5
          Α.
6
      recently on the Onward Eugene board.
7
                What educational degrees do you have?
          Q.
                I have a bachelor's of science in
8
     horticulture.
                     I have a bachelor of arts in
9
10
      landscape architecture. And I have a master's in
11
      organizational leadership.
                When did you get the master's?
12
          Ο.
13
          Α.
                2010.
          Q.
14
                Okay.
15
                Have you had any training in legal issues
      specifically like, for example, Constitutional
16
      issues, First Amendment, the rights of protesters,
17
      any of those types of civil rights issues?
18
19
          Α.
                Not that I recall.
20
          Q.
                Okay.
                    MS. DUGAN: Let's make this Exhibit 1.
21
                     (Deposition Exhibit Number 1
22
                     marked for identification.)
2.3
24
     BY MS. DUGAN:
                So -- so looking at what's been marked as
25
          Q.
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1
     Exhibit 1, is that your handwritten notes?
          Α.
                Yes.
2
                It's dated May 30th, 2020, State of
3
4
      Emergency. Did you take these notes during an
      in-person meeting or by -- during phone discussions?
5
6
     Or how was -- how did you meet with these people
7
      that are listed?
8
                They were all by phone call.
          Q.
9
                Okay.
10
                And can you tell me what the purpose was
11
     of this list of phone discussions with these folks?
                What do you mean by "what's the purpose of
12
      the list"?
13
                Why did you make this list?
14
15
          Α.
                Oh.
                     Well, I was -- I knew, like, through
      the state of emergency that the intent is to try to
16
      talk to all of the city counselors that I can. And
17
      I was sitting outside with my cell phone, and I just
18
      thought I should try to write down everything I
19
     heard so that when I could circle back with the
20
21
     Mayor I could just kind of let her know what I had
22
     heard.
2.3
          Q.
                Okay.
24
                Do you remember what time of day you were
      doing these phone calls?
25
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1
                I can't remember what I exactly wrote in
      the interrogatory, but it was pretty much after I
2
     had toured downtown and I got back home, so I had
3
4
     had a conversation with the Mayor somewhere in
      that -- before noon, and then I made these phone
5
6
      calls I think over the next couple of hours.
7
          Q.
                Okay.
8
                And that was on the 30th of May 2020?
          Α.
                Yes.
9
10
          Q.
                Other than these handwritten notes, do you
11
     have any other handwritten notes about the events of
     May 29th through June 1st of 2020?
12
                No, not that I recall.
13
                Okay.
          Q.
14
                I think you already -- I think I would
15
          Α.
     have already given those to you.
16
17
                Yeah.
                       I mean, I have emails, I've got a
      couple of texts. This was the only handwritten note
18
      so my question was just about that.
19
          Α.
                Yeah.
20
21
          Q.
                Okay. All right.
22
                So looking at this note, Alan -- and I
     take it that's Alan -- is it Zelenka?
2.3
24
          Α.
                Yes.
                It says (reading): Not the entire
25
          Q.
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1
         city.
                       What did that mean?
2
                Okay.
                He had an interest in it actually being --
3
          Α.
4
      if I remember correctly, I think he said he was
      trying to -- asked me some questions about why I
5
6
     wasn't doing the entire city.
7
                What did you respond to that question?
          Q.
8
                I think what I wrote was this exact thing,
      that we were going to be very -- like, our plan was
9
10
      to keep it very centered in where we thought we
     might have an issue, and that if we needed to, we
11
      could always expand that.
12
13
          Q.
                Okay.
                Do you remember if anybody else you called
14
15
     had any concerns about it being not the entire city
      one way or another, that they wanted it to be the
16
17
      entire city or they wanted it not to be the entire
     city?
18
                Let me just read this really quickly.
19
                Sure.
                       Yeah.
20
          Q.
21
                    (Pause.)
                       So I feel like the majority of
22
          Α.
                Yeah.
23
     people, including Alan, were very supportive of it
24
     being a limited scope as a start.
25
          Q.
                Okay.
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I think he asked me some questions about
1
     it just -- and I was just writing like, you know --
2
     I don't remember why exactly I wrote that note. But
3
4
     the purpose -- both Emily and Betty were very much
     like, okay, mixed feelings. Like, Emily said she
5
6
     had mixed feelings. Betty had mixed feelings but
7
     also said if it's necessary she supported it. So I
8
     think both of them would have been more supportive
     of it being the narrow area.
9
10
         Q.
                Okay. Let's see.
11
                Chris -- sorry. Who is Chris -- what's
     the last name of Chris?
12
13
         Α.
                Pryor.
                Pryor? That's right.
14
         Q.
                It says (reading): Out-of-towners
15
        hate society.
16
17
                Do you remember what that was about?
                I mean, my memory is that he was talking
18
19
     about just, like -- there at the time there were
20
     some people that thought there were rumors that
     people were coming from Portland or they weren't
21
22
     from here. I don't remember the hate society piece.
     I don't even know if that's actually what that says.
2.3
24
                Yeah. Probably shouldn't have put words
25
     into your mouth.
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A. Yeah.

2.3

- Q. Do you think -- do you think it could say something else? I'm looking at your T's. I think that's a T?
 - A. I'll just keep thinking about that because it may just kind of pop out at me.
 - Q. Okay.

So other than Chris Pryor, who do you remember ever telling you that there was a concern that out-of-towners might be coming to the city during this period of time?

- A. Yeah, the only person who ever really talked about it in any, like, for more than, like, a minute was Greg Evans, and that wasn't on this day.

 And I think it was in my interrogatory. It was probably the next day that he had a concern he had heard that maybe there were people coming from Portland.
 - Q. Okay.

So Black Lives Matter protesters, or counter protesters, or both?

- A. He didn't say. He just said he had heard that people might be coming from Portland and -- yeah.
 - Q. Did anybody ever tell you there was a

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1
      concern that people might be coming from Roseburg?
 2
          Α.
                No.
 3
          Q.
                All right.
 4
                This is Exhibit 2.
                     (Deposition Exhibit Number 2
 5
 6
                      marked for identification.)
 7
      BY MS. DUGAN:
 8
          Q.
                I'll let you read that and then I have a
9
      couple questions.
                Did you highlight the, "I will expand the
10
      curfew"?
11
                Yeah, that's me.
12
          Ο.
13
          Α.
                Okay.
14
          Q.
                Sorry.
                That's fine.
15
          Α.
                I'm trying to get them to print without
16
      highlighting but I think that didn't work very well.
17
18
          Α.
                Okay.
19
          Q.
                Okay.
                So -- first of all, so this is -- this is
20
21
       May 30th 4:39 p.m. email to the city councilors
      and -- let's see -- you -- and then let's make the
22
     declaration Exhibit 3. I had had it attached but I
2.3
24
     decided to make it separate.
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(Deposition Exhibit Number 3
1
                     marked for identification.)
2
                Thank you. And these (indicating) are
3
          Α.
4
     your notes?
     BY MS. DUGAN:
5
6
          Q.
                Yeah.
                       I'm sorry.
                                    Give me --
7
          Α.
                No.
                     That's okay.
8
          Ο.
                Give me that one back.
9
          Α.
                Okay.
10
          Q.
                I thought I had one more copy. I don't
     want to use that one.
                    MS. REGAN: I think there's two here.
12
13
                    MS. DUGAN: Oh, really?
                    MR. MILLER: I can share this with
14
15
     her.
     BY MS. DUGAN:
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17
                All right. So -- okay.
                So you signed this emergency declaration
18
     at 4:00 p.m. on the 30th, and you sent it to the
19
      city councilors and you said (reading): I intend
20
21
         to establish a temporary curfew tonight in
22
         the downtown area.
                In the second paragraph you talk about
2.3
24
         (reading):
                     If activity starts up in other
         neighborhoods or parts of town, I will
25
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expand the curfew to that area.

2.3

I don't see any discussion in that email about potential to expand it city-wide. Do you remember on the 30th was there any discussion -- other than what we just discussed with that phone note list, was there any discussion about expanding city-wide at any point?

A. Yeah, I mean, I think that when I talked to people on the phone, I mean, I obviously had pretty decent conversations with everybody. And I would say to a person they were all concerned about what had happened on Friday night, and they were all concerned about the safety of Eugene, and they liked the approach of starting small and being responsive if we needed to be, so, I mean, the conversation with Alan and others -- and I feel like now -- I'm sorry that I didn't mention this earlier -- but Greg Evans, who lives out in the Bethel area, also expressed a concern like, What about us if things happen?

So it's -- you know, my response to them is, "We'll be reasonable and we'll just take it a step at a time." So that's why this would be very consistent to the conversations that I had with them, if we're doing it here, and then if we need

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to, we can start it up in other parts of town.
1
2
         Q.
                Okay.
                But explicitly, there was never any
3
4
     explicit statement by you, at least in the email,
     that it could expand city-wide, correct, in this
5
6
     email.
7
                No, definitely not in the email.
         Α.
8
         Ο.
                Okay.
                And the exemptions listed in the first
9
10
     paragraph don't include media. Do you remember why
     they weren't included?
11
                So when we originally sent this out, we
12
13
     hadn't included media. And we were then contacted
     -- it wasn't -- it wasn't intentional, it was just
14
     how it was, and we got contacted by -- I believe it
15
     was Henry Houston of the Eugene Weekly asking about
16
17
     it. And I got a call from our community relations
     director saying, "Hey, we're going to get questioned
18
     about media."
19
                And I said, "Oh, no, I'm okay with media
20
     being in there, " so we changed it at some point to
21
     allow media to be in there.
22
2.3
         Q.
                Okay.
24
                Do you remember where you did come up with
     this list of exceptions, emergency care, fleeing
25
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danger, sheltering in place, traveling to and from employment, or making commercial deliveries?

- A. I feel like that might have been a recommendation from -- or an initial set of lists from the city attorney. I'm not sure how it came up. We were trying to figure out, like, who -- who is going to be in there and who do we not want to unnecessarily displace.
- Q. Did you ever consider exempting people traveling to and from their homes?
 - A. I don't remember having that conversation.
- Q. Did you discuss with anybody what would be done to or about people who were traveling to their homes from downtown, say?
- A. It's -- I mean, I'd be surprised if we didn't have a conversation about that. I just don't recall it specifically. You know, I just don't recall that specifically.
 - Q. Okay.

2.3

- Did you -- on the 30th, do you remember if you spoke with Chief Skinner about how this would be implemented?
- A. Yes, in terms of, you know, recognizing that, what you just said, people are going to be coming and going. And so my understanding was there

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would be -- we would be sending out a news release,
1
     and there would be announcements, and people would
2
     know and, you know, be given their warning like it's
3
4
     been -- There's a curfew in place. You need to
     leave -- that people would have an opportunity to do
5
6
     that.
         Q.
7
               Okay.
8
                And did you on this day or the next day at
     any time during this period talk to the chief about
9
10
     what would be done regarding groups of people that
     appeared to be walking in a group but might say they
11
     are going home, whether they would be allowed to
12
13
     keep walking down the sidewalk?
                    MR. MILLER: Object to the form of the
14
     question.
15
                    Go ahead.
16
                I didn't have any specific -- like, I
17
     didn't talk to the chief specifically about how they
18
     would handle any given circumstance. It's his
19
     responsibility to -- to enforce the curfew and the
20
     order.
21
22
                What I very clearly remember is having a
     conversation about people are going to like -- how
2.3
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will they know, and so I knew that there would be

warnings and that there would be announcements and

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people would know.
1
     BY MS. DUGAN:
2
                Did you talk about how much advanced
3
          Q.
4
     notice people would have before the curfew went into
      effect?
5
6
          Α.
                On each one of the curfews we talked about
7
     how much advanced notice there was. Like,
8
     recognizing, like, when does it need to happen.
     we tried to do -- the ones that started, like, that
9
10
     we sent out earlier in the day like this one,
11
     gave -- giving people a lot of advanced notice this
      is what it's going to be. When this situation
12
      shifted in the night and things were happening, we
13
      tried to give as much as we could, but the decision
14
     was always based on public safety considerations.
15
          Q.
                Okay.
16
                Looking at Exhibit 3, the actual
17
      administrative order, do you recall who you
18
19
      consulted with to come up with the findings?
                The findings that are, like --
20
          Α.
          Q.
21
                Α.
22
         Α.
                Okay. The B and C piece?
                Yeah, mainly -- mainly let's talk about A
2.3
          Q.
24
      for now.
               Oh, the code?
25
          Α.
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1
          Q.
                Yeah.
                Was that just in consultation with
2
     attorneys?
3
4
          Α.
                Yes.
5
          Q.
                Okay.
6
                On D, on the second page, where you say
7
         (reading): The emergency described in
8
         paragraphs B and C requires a coordinated
         response beyond that which occurs routinely
9
10
         and the required response is not achievable
11
         solely with the added resources acquired
12
         through mutual aid or cooperative assistance
13
         agreements.
                How did you make that decision? How did
14
     you make that finding? What steps did you go
15
     through?
16
17
                Well, we talked about the Friday night
     activities, how fast they escalated and the fact
18
     that we had to call in extra resources and we were
19
     beyond our capacity. The coming nights there were
20
21
     protests happening in Salem and Portland.
     been -- I believe we had been contacted for even
22
2.3
     giving mutual aid out of our own city. There
24
     weren't people to come.
                So between what police was doing, what
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public works was doing, and the feeling that we were
1
     going to quickly be not able to respond and protect
2
      the community is -- is what was discussed as part of
3
4
      that.
                So other than attorneys, who did you
5
6
      discuss that with?
7
          Α.
                Number D?
8
          Ο.
                Yeah.
                The chief. I mean, I discussed it with
9
10
      the Mayor and council but not to give their
11
      technical opinions. I mean, it was mostly the chief
      and the city attorney.
12
13
                And then when you spoke with the chief,
     was that by phone, or in person, or email?
14
15
          Α.
                Mostly -- the first conversation was in
     person, and then by phone, a conference call.
16
                All right. Let's make this 4.
17
          Q.
                     (Deposition Exhibit Number 4
18
                     marked for identification.)
19
     BY MS. DUGAN:
20
          Q.
                I'll let you read that.
21
22
          Α.
                Yeah.
                       Yeah.
2.3
          Q.
                Okay.
24
                And just for efficiency, I've printed your
      email along with --
25
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That's fine.
1
          Α.
                -- this response by Greg Evans?
2
          Q.
                Yeah.
3
          Α.
                So your email, May 31st, 6:14 p.m., you
4
          Q.
     wrote that you had yourself attended the Black Lives
5
     Matter protest and march in downtown Eugene.
6
                And then you note that (reading):
7
8
        We still have a very large group in downtown
        with threats to property and dangerous
9
10
         activities.
11
                What were those threats to property and
12
     dangerous activities?
13
                I'd have to go back and look specifically
     at what I wrote in the interrogatory, but I can say
14
     as I recall that was the day that there were -- they
15
     were blocking traffic at Washington/Jefferson.
16
17
     There was -- somebody had fired a shot in the crowd.
     Somebody else had gotten out of a car with a -- with
18
     an AR -- I think that's what it was -- and there was
19
     just -- I feel like there was -- there was graffiti
20
     happening. Like, it was -- it felt like it was
21
22
     ramping up, and that was what I had understood.
                I wasn't there at that intersection.
2.3
24
     believe I got a call from one of our councilors who
25
     was there, Emily Semple, who was very, very
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concerned about what she was seeing.
1
2
         Q.
                Okay.
                Those two incidents you mentioned, those
3
4
     were counter protesters. Correct?
                I don't know.
5
         Α.
6
         Q.
                You were -- what were you told about
7
     that -- about those incidents?
8
                I was just told that there was -- I just
     -- really honestly, I don't know that anybody said
9
10
     it was a counter protestor. Maybe they did.
     a shot -- I don't know who shot the -- sorry.
11
     you have my interrogatory, it would be great.
12
13
     could just look at that really quick.
                Okay. We can get to that.
14
                Looking at Mr. Evans' response, he says
15
         (reading): I totally agree, Sarah. We saw
16
17
        white supremacists mixed in the crowd at
        Alton Baker Park as of the 4:30 p.m. I think
18
        they want a confrontation with law
19
        enforcement.
20
                So does that refresh your memory about
21
22
     whether there was any discussion of counter
2.3
     protesters versus protesters being involved?
24
                So, I mean, I'm not saying that -- I'm
     seeing this email that you put in front of me that
25
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Greq said that. I don't recall. And as I said
1
     before I, wasn't taking any sort of technical advice
2
     from city councilors so I didn't pass this email
3
4
     onto the police chief. This was just an interaction
     with him and I.
5
6
                So when I was in the moment and learning
7
     from the chief what was happening, he never said
8
     "There's a counter protester firing a shot." It was
     just, "there was a shot fired and somebody had an
9
     AR."
10
11
                I recall they were in a Jeep, so you can
     make assumptions about who drives a Jeep and who's
12
13
     in the -- who has an AR, but that specific
     conversation I don't recall happening.
14
         Q.
                Okay.
15
                And I think you had already said that you
16
17
     didn't discuss with the chief how he was going to go
     about enforcing the curfew at all?
18
19
         Α.
                Correct.
               And why not?
20
         Q.
                Because I don't have any sort of public
21
22
     safety certifications. I'm a landscape architect.
     And I trust him and his team to -- to do enforcement
2.3
24
     and to know how to plan for that and to . .
                Well, you came up with the list of
25
          Q.
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exceptions. Did you consult him to make that list,
 1
     or was that your idea?
 2
                    MR. MILLER: Objection. Asked and
 3
 4
      answered.
                    Go ahead.
 5
 6
     BY MS. DUGAN:
 7
                Well, you can clarify if you could.
          Q.
 8
          Α.
                Okav. Yeah.
                              What I said before was what
      I recall is that this list was a recommended list
9
10
      from the city attorney.
11
          Q.
                Okay.
                And you didn't question that or research
12
13
      that yourself or come up with any other exceptions
     other than the media which you added later?
14
15
                I don't recall -- I didn't do the
          Α.
      research. I just saw the list. It felt, like,
16
17
      reasonable.
                   I knew people were trying to meet the
      intent of keeping it safe but limiting, like -- also
18
      trying to balance people's rights to gather, so it
19
20
     was trying to be very reasonable.
                And as I said, like, as soon as somebody
21
      said, "What about the media?," I was like, "Of
22
               That's -- happy to have them there."
2.3
      course.
24
          Q.
                Okay.
                So going back for a second to Exhibit 3,
25
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the May 30th executive order, you -- in part D you
1
     had made a finding that the required response was
2
     basically beyond the capacity. What was your
3
4
     understanding regarding the number of police that
     were actually available, how many patrol and
5
6
     supervisors were available?
7
                Was there any sort of limit on that that
8
     you were aware of as far as everybody who's employed
     by the EPD being available?
9
10
                I didn't have a specific conversation
     about number of staff available. I had a
11
     conversation with the chief about whether or not we
12
13
     were going to be able to respond if things continued
     the way they did Friday night, and the answer was
14
     "no."
15
         Q.
               Okay.
16
                So it sounds like you basically deferred
17
     to the chief on those concerns?
18
19
         Α.
                Correct.
                Did the chief tell you how many officers
20
     had been called out on Friday night, the 29th?
21
22
         Α.
                I don't recall him telling me a number.
2.3
         Q.
                Okay. Okay. Sorry.
24
                Going back to Exhibit 4, the next to last
     paragraph of your email you say (reading):
25
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Similar to last night, I'm prepared to expand
1
        the geographic area as needed and will email
2
        you later this evening, if necessary.
3
4
                Again, you're not mentioning any -- any
     chance that it's going to go city-wide. Is that
5
6
     something you did discuss on the 31st with anybody
7
     before declaring a city-wide curfew later that
8
     night?
                I don't remember specifically without
9
10
     looking at my list, but throughout this weekend I
11
     was talking to all of the councilors with some
12
     frequency, either through a text message or a phone
13
     call, and these emails, so I don't think there was
     any question from any of them that after Saturday
14
15
     night we would do it -- potentially another
     city-wide curfew both Sunday -- yeah, and then on
16
17
     Monday too. And I talked specifically to the Mayor.
                So when you talked to the Mayor, did you
18
     mention that it might go city-wide?
19
         Α.
20
                Yes.
                Yes? But you didn't put that in your
21
          Q.
22
     email?
2.3
                    MR. MILLER: Objection.
24
         Α.
                No, because --
25
                    MR. MILLER: Asked and answered.
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1
                    But go ahead.
                No, because as I've said already, we were
2
          Α.
      trying to limit it as much as possible.
3
4
          Q.
                Okay.
                    MS. DUGAN: Let's make this Exhibit 5.
5
6
                    (Deposition Exhibit Number 5
7
                     marked for identification.)
     BY MS. DUGAN:
8
9
                I'm sorry these don't print with a Bates
     number, but it should be 3467 and -68. I'm not sure
10
11
     why it didn't print.
12
                Okay.
13
                So this is the May 31st executive order
      signed at 6:00 p.m.?
14
15
          Α.
                Uh-huh.
                When -- was it -- did you make the
16
17
      decision right at 6:00 p.m.? I know that sounds,
     you know, picky, but I'm just wondering if it was
18
      like an hour before, or a minute before, or around
19
      the same time you signed it?
20
21
                There were discussions before, but the
22
     decision is when I sign it. I mean, I guess that's
     when the final decision is actually made.
2.3
24
          Q.
                Yeah.
                    MS. DUGAN: Exhibit 6.
25
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1
                    (Deposition Exhibit Number 6
                     marked for identification.)
2
3
          Α.
                Yep.
4
     BY MS. DUGAN:
                Okay. All right.
5
          Q.
6
                So this is an email from you to the city
7
     councilors on May 31st at 10:54 saying
8
         (reading): As I previously communicated as
         a possibility, I am extending tonight's
9
         curfew city-wide effective 11:00 p.m.
10
11
         Individuals are congregating outside the
        boundaries to include closing the Ferry
12
13
         Street Bridge, which is a critical route
         for first responders. Our community safety
14
15
         is my first priority. The curfew will be in
16
        place until 6:00 a.m.
                All right. So this is sent five or six
17
     minutes before 11:00 p.m. When did you actually
18
     make that decision?
19
                Very -- like, minutes before this based on
20
21
     a phone call I had with the chief.
22
          Q.
                Okay.
                Tell me everything you remember about that
2.3
24
     phone call.
                He called me and briefed me on what was
25
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happening. He had a lot of concerns and said he
 1
      felt like we needed to do the city-wide curfew based
 2
      on how they were congregating outside the
 3
 4
     boundaries.
                And I said, "When do you think you it
 5
 6
     needs to go into effect?" And I said, "Midnight?"
 7
                And he said, "No, it needs to be sooner
      than that."
 8
                I was like, "11:00?"
9
                And he was like, "Yeah."
10
                And I said, "Okay, it's 11:00."
11
                So that's how that conversation went.
12
13
          Q.
                Okay.
                And what was your discussion with him
14
      about how people would be notified?
15
                I didn't have a conversation with him
          Α.
16
17
      specifically about that.
          Q.
                Were you --
18
                I mean, we talked about that on Friday
19
20
      night -- or Saturday night -- I'm sorry -- and I
      assume that carries through the whole weekend.
21
22
          Q.
                Okay.
                And what was your understanding of how it
23
24
     would be communicated from that prior conversation?
25
          Α.
                Similar to how it was before, that, you
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know, we would send out a news release, which we
1
     did, and then people on the streets would notify,
2
     like, "Curfew is in place. You need to disperse,"
3
4
     or whatever the exact language was. I can't
5
     remember.
6
         Q.
               And that they would be allowed to travel
7
     home?
8
                That would be my understanding.
                Where you say in your email
9
10
         "individuals are congregating outside
11
        the boundaries to include closing the
        Ferry Street Bridge, " what does that mean?
12
                They were approaching or on the Ferry
13
     Street Bridge, and -- to a point that I feel like
14
     they had to -- police had to close it off. Maybe
15
     they had, like, they were all congregated on the
16
17
     bridge.
                And there were people on other locations.
18
     I think Sunday night was the night they were also
19
     over in the Valley River area, and there were just
20
21
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different areas so it was hard to decide, Do you keep doing it, like, here, or here, or do you just go city-wide, and that's why we made that choice.

Q. Okay.

22

2.3

24

25

So did the chief tell you that the

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protesters had closed the Ferry Street Bridge?
1
                I don't recall the specifics of that
2
     conversation. I feel like there were -- I remember
3
4
     there was something happening on the Ferry Street
     Bridge that was of concern and that it was at least
5
6
     temporarily closed because people couldn't get
7
     through. We may have closed it because of that.
8
         Ο.
                So if I understand you correctly, rather
     than deciding to close the areas where there were
9
10
     actually people congregating, that seemed to be too
11
     complicated so you just said city-wide?
                    MR. MILLER: Objection.
12
13
     Argumentative.
                    Go ahead.
14
15
                    MS. DUGAN: I'm just asking for
     clarification.
16
17
                    MR. MILLER: I'm just making an
     objection.
18
                       There were -- you know, it was --it
19
                Yeah.
     was really clear that people knew where the
20
     boundaries were and they were moving to the outsides
21
22
     of them. This is how it was being communicated to
2.3
     me.
24
                It's also some of what I heard.
                                                  If you
     tuned into one of those Facebook live streams, it
25
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was very like, this is the boundary. Go here.
1
                So at some point it was just the resources
2
     it would take to continue to respond to multiple
3
4
     boundaries and the numbers of notifications, it felt
     like the reasonable, responsible thing was just to
5
6
     make it city-wide.
7
     BY MS. DUGAN:
8
         Ο.
                And did the chief tell you that there was
     any violence that was happening?
9
10
                On each of these nights there were
11
     different things happening. Whether it was graffiti
     or people banging on things, it was, you know --
12
13
     there was -- I mean, yes, but I don't remember
     specifically a conversation about any particular one
14
     incident, especially on this night. That was just
15
     sort of a general theme.
16
17
                Do you remember any discussion of
     potentially doing the curfew at 11:30?
18
         Α.
                No.
19
                Do you remember any discussion of making
20
     the curfew city-wide earlier than 11:00? Or was
21
22
     this the only discussion you had about making it
     city-wide that night?
2.3
24
                This was -- he called me and told me what
     was going on, and I pushed back, as I told you, and
25
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1
      I don't -- I thought I had pushed back to midnight,
      like, "Can we give people more time?"
2
                And he was, like, "No, this is a situation
3
4
      that needs to be stopped."
                And I trusted him and made it 11:00.
5
6
     don't recall if it was 11:30. I don't remember
7
     having any conversations about it being earlier in
8
      the night.
9
          Q.
                Okay.
                Do you remember him -- did he tell you --
10
      did he tell there would be tear gas used?
11
          Α.
                No.
12
13
          Q.
                Did he tell you there would be foam batons
     used?
14
15
          Α.
                No.
                     (Deposition Exhibit Number 7
16
                     marked for identification.)
17
     BY MS. DUGAN:
18
                So this is an email from you at 10:59:26
19
      on May 31st.
20
                This is not an email from me. This is an
21
      email from --
22
                I apologize. Sorry.
2.3
          Q.
24
                This is an email from your communications
     person?
25
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1
                Yeah.
          Α.
          Q.
                All right.
2
                You had sent -- okay. So -- and she's
3
4
     sending this to Eugene media contacts. Update:
         (reading): The curfew has been extended
5
6
         city-wide starting at 11:00 p.m. tomorrow
7
         through 6:00 a.m. tomorrow.
8
                Did you authorize the sending of this
     notice to the media? I don't mean the exact
9
10
     wording, but did you say, Please tell the media?
11
          Α.
                That was our standard operating procedure
     through the entire weekend. Anytime we did a curfew
12
13
     we sent out a news release. So I didn't
     specifically authorize this but it would have been
14
15
     expected.
          Q.
16
                Okay.
                So with less than one-minute warning this
17
     is going to the media. Correct?
18
19
                    MR. MILLER: Object to the form of the
20
     question.
                    Go ahead.
21
     BY MS. DUGAN:
22
                Well, am I misreading that?
2.3
24
                Yeah.
                       I mean, it's time stamped so I
     think that's -- the answer is right there when it
25
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1
     got sent.
          Q.
                All right.
2
                     (Deposition Exhibit Number 8
3
4
                     marked for identification.)
5
                    THE WITNESS:
                                   Thank you.
6
     BY MS. DUGAN:
7
                This is from the chief and then a
          Q.
8
      response. So I'll let you take a look at it because
      I know it's not something you wrote so you might
9
     want to familiarize yourself with it.
10
11
          Α.
                Okay.
                All right.
12
          Ο.
13
                So does the information that he's
      conveying -- that Chief Skinner is conveying in this
14
15
      email -- is it similar to what he was telling you
      the night before when you decide to make this curfew
16
     city-wide?
17
                       There's more detail in this email
          Α.
                Yeah.
18
      than he and I spoke about on the phone.
19
          Q.
20
                Okay.
21
                Well, on the second page in kind of the
22
     middle where he says (reading): A group of
        protesters, between 50 and 60, at 8th and
2.3
24
        Mill continued to block traffic, and there
         were concerns about Ferry Street Bridge
25
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becoming involved. Police shut down the
1
        bridge.
2
                Does that --
3
4
          Α.
                Yeah.
                -- sound like what he might have told you
5
6
      the night before?
7
                Yeah. What I recall as I'm reading this
          Α.
8
      is that that group of 50 to 60 people were -- were
     moving up the bridge, and I think the concerns were
9
10
      they were going to get on the bridge and block
11
      traffic and, like, not leave, and so they were
     prevented from doing that.
12
13
                So we have the email to the media from the
     night before at 11:59:26, and then, I, of course,
14
15
     know about the --
                10:59.
16
          Α.
17
          Ο.
                Sorry.
                       10:59.
                I, of course, know about the Amber alert,
18
     or whatever you would call them, on the text
19
     messages because I got them myself, and I do have
20
21
     printouts of some of those. But other than those
22
     blasts from the Amber alert text messaging, were
2.3
     there other ways in which the public was given
24
     notice of the curfew?
                So the Amber alerts were on Monday, not
25
          Α.
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1
      Sunday. Are you still talking about Sunday or are
     we talking about Monday?
2
                I think they were both nights?
3
          Q.
4
          Α.
                     They were just Monday night.
                No.
5
          Q.
                Okay. Okay.
6
                So on Sunday night, how did people get
7
     notice of -- other than police telling them on the
8
      streets, was there any way the general public was
      told?
9
10
                Probably the news releases and whatever
11
     got shared on social media by -- I feel like the
     police department was updating social media and
12
13
      announcements by EPD that are in the area that are
      letting people know there's a curfew. But the
14
      general public? I'm not sure --
15
          Q.
               Okay.
16
17
                -- if they are sleeping how they would
     have known.
18
19
          Q.
                Okay.
                     (Deposition Exhibit Number 9
20
                     marked for identification.)
21
22
     BY MS. DUGAN:
2.3
          Q.
                So here is your interrogatory responses.
24
         Α.
                Thank you. That's helpful.
                       I had a couple questions about
25
          Q.
                Yeah.
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1
      this. Let me find my specific questions.
                On page 6 of the interrogatories
2
      discussing May 31st, you say that you took part in
3
4
      the organized Black Lives Matter protest?
                Yes.
5
          Α.
6
          Q.
                That was a planned event, correct, planned
7
      in advance?
8
          Α.
                Yes.
          Q.
9
                Okay.
10
                Do you remember what time of day that
11
      started or what time you were there?
                I feel like it was afternoon-ish, like
12
13
      3:00 o'clock, 4:00 o'clock, somewhere in there. I
     don't remember exactly. It's in this email.
14
15
     think there's one of the emails that say exactly
     what time.
16
17
          Q.
                Okay.
                And so --
18
                I think it was 1:00 o'clock. It could
19
          Α.
     have been earlier.
20
          Q.
                Okay.
21
22
                So the whole time you were downtown and
     attending the event did you see any unlawful
2.3
24
     activity yourself?
                I went down and parked at the library,
25
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walked over to the federal courthouse, and I was
1
     there for the main part of the thing. I didn't go
2
     to Alton Baker Park, I didn't follow the march, and
3
     I didn't stay downtown.
4
                So in that time there was maybe some,
5
     like, cars racing around and things like that, but I
6
     don't recall seeing anything super specific.
7
8
         Q.
                All right.
                So you say (reading): As the
9
10
        afternoon and early evening progressed, EPD
11
        was concerned about their ability to maintain
        the safety and lawfulness of the gathering.
12
13
        At around 5:00 p.m., Chief Skinner
        recommended a curfew in the downtown area.
14
                At 5:00 p.m. what was your understanding
15
     of the problem with maintaining safety and
16
17
     lawfulness --
                Uh-huh. My understanding is that when the
18
     events at Alton Baker ended, maybe even before that,
19
     a large number of the crowd came back over and was
20
     in downtown and they were filling the streets.
21
22
     That's when we had the incident with the person and
     the AR.
2.3
24
                So there was a large gathering in
     downtown. Some of them were splitting off, and it
25
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2.3

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was feeling like it was escalating, is what I understood from the chief. And we had -- I think I had mentioned earlier I believe that is the same -- I had received at least a phone call from Emily Semple that she was down there and she had seen and heard the gun and was really concerned, so it resonated with what he had said as well.
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- Q. So Emily Semple was concerned about the gun. Did she ever say she was concerned about the protesters?
- A. She -- I mean, she had multiple concerns about all of it. She had concerns about what was happening. She had concern about the property damage. She had concern about our response. She had -- you know, she was very -- just a concern, I think, for downtown and for everybody to be okay and safe and have their rights, too. So she's -- she's a mix of all of those things.
- Q. Now -- so in your interrogatory response on page 6 to page 7 where you're talking about May 31st, correct me if I'm wrong, but you don't mention the gun situation?
- A. Yeah, I didn't mention it in here. That's a miss.
 - Q. The example you gave was the hammering on

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1
     light poles. Tell me what you had heard from Chief
     Skinner about that.
2
                I just remember, you know, basically some
3
         Α.
4
     of what he had said in here was just that there were
     people starting to -- that had hammers and were
5
6
     starting to bang on light poles, and I think they
7
     were banging on cars. It was escalating in the
8
     downtown area.
         Q.
9
                Okay.
10
                So he conveyed to you there were multiple
11
     hammers being used?
                I don't recall him saying there were
12
     multiple hammers. I just remember him describing
13
     kind of the general atmosphere.
14
15
                So would you agree on Exhibit 8 on the
         Q.
     second page, that prior exhibit, at the very top he
16
17
     says (reading): Some of them began hitting
        light poles with a hammer --
18
19
                Do you see that?
                Yes, I see that.
         Α.
20
         Q.
                -- (reading): to make noise.
21
22
                Does that sound like what he told you? Or
     do you remember him saying "hammers"? And I'm sorry
23
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     to be picky about that, but it sounds like -- to be
     honest, it sounds like he's either inflating beyond
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what he said in that email or you're misremembering,
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     and I'm trying to figure out which.
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                    MR. MILLER: Object to the form of the
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     question.
                    Go ahead and answer if you know what
5
     the question is.
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                You know, we're over a year from this
          Α.
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     incident. So I remember him talking about the
     general atmosphere in downtown, people moving
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10
     around, the numbers of people in the street, and
11
     there was -- I don't remember all the specific
     details of that conversation so I don't recall him
12
13
     saying hammers or hammer. I just recall that stood
14
     out.
                Do you remember the chief stating that
15
     there were a small amount of aggressors involved in
16
17
     making trouble?
                I don't recall him having that detail.
18
          Α.
          Q.
19
                Okay.
                Let's see. At some point -- oh, on page 7
20
     at the top you say you notified city council and
21
22
     contacts at the University of Oregon.
                Do you remember why you notified the
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     U of 0?
                       I was trying to just give them a
25
          Α.
                Yeah.
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- heads up that the protesters might be moving in their direction and I didn't want them to be -because I knew that, I feel like I should let them know and just be a good partner.
 - Did you notify them by email or phone?
- Α. The first night, actually, I emailed them. I probably texted Michael Schill on that night or Matt Roberts. I may have called them.
 - All right. Q.

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- And that was because -- is that because the chief had told you that there was a group of people headed to the University?
- Yeah. And I feel like that night might have been the night Tre Stewart was also, like, streaming through Twitch, or whatever, and talking about exactly where they were going.
 - Ο. Okay.
- I didn't watch all of his live streams but every now and then I would turn it on and so I could see and hear what they were doing too.
- When you watched that, did you see any violence happening?
- I saw a lot of chaos happening, you know. Α. And, again, I watched probably 10 minutes of stream periodically. You know, I was not, like, glued in

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     on any of that.
                So you didn't see any violent acts?
2
         Q.
                What would you consider a violent act?
         Α.
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         Q.
                What would you consider a violent act?
                A fist fight, you know, throwing a rock
5
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     through a window, burning something.
7
                Did you see anything like that?
         Q.
8
                I didn't see that. I don't specifically
     recall that.
9
                Did the chief mention anything like that
10
         Q.
11
     happening?
                I don't specifically recall that. I'm not
12
13
     trying to be difficult. I just think, you know,
     there was a lot going on. It's hard to remember it
14
15
     all.
         Q.
               Yeah. Yeah.
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                Were you ever made aware before midnight
     or before 11:00 p.m. on the 31st that SWAT was going
18
     to be used that night?
19
                I didn't -- I was not aware that SWAT was
20
21
     going to be used. I was informed after the fact
22
     that they were.
                Were you informed that night?
2.3
24
               No.
                     I believe I read it in an email the
25
     next morning.
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          Q.
                Okay.
                So were you debriefed by the chief --
2
     other than the emails that you've sent through your
3
4
     attorney, did he call you and debrief you on what
     had happened that night on May 31st?
5
6
                So did he call me on -- he wouldn't have
7
     called me that night after -- after the curfew. I
8
     don't recall him calling me that night. I'm sure we
     talked the next day.
9
10
          Q.
                The next day?
11
          Α.
                Yeah.
                Is that when he told you that SWAT had
12
13
     been used?
                     I think I read that in an email.
14
          Α.
          Q.
                Okay. You said that. I'm sorry.
15
                Were you surprised to see that SWAT had
16
     been used?
17
                Surprised isn't the right word. I mean, I
18
     think, you know, I don't -- again, I'm not a public
19
     safety professional so I'm learning -- I guess it
20
     was a learning for me, like, to understand that that
21
     was a tool that they felt they needed to use that
22
2.3
     night.
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                So after more details came out about what
25
     had happened on the evening of May 31st, did you
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have any concerns about the force used by the
1
     police, as a city manager?
2
          Α.
                After the five -- so on Monday?
3
4
          Q.
                Whenever you learned about --
5
                Yeah, I mean --
          Α.
6
          Q.
                Other than Henry Houston, which I know you
7
     had gotten emails from him --
8
          Α.
                Uh-huh. Yeah, I called the next morning
     about that.
9
10
                So do I have concerns about the use of
11
     force? I mean, I guess you always have hopes that
     things will be peaceful and that you never have to
12
13
     use force, so the whole event from both directions
     of us using force and the situation requiring it to
14
     were -- were days that I felt sad about.
15
          Q.
                Okay.
16
17
                Did you ever talk to federal protective
     services about the events of May 31st -- did you
18
     talk to them that day about the protests that were
19
     happening?
20
                Federal -- who is that?
21
22
                I don't know. I mean I know, but they are
2.3
     mentioned in some documents as being -- cooperating
24
     with the EPD. But you didn't yourself have any --
25
          Α.
                No.
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-- communications? All right.
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          Ο.
                Beyond the curfew, did you -- did you or
2
     your office do any other advanced planning for --
3
4
      regarding the protests of May 31st?
5
          Α.
                No.
6
                    MS. DUGAN:
                                 I'm going to talk to
7
     Ms. Regan and see if we have any other questions,
8
      and I'll come right back.
9
                    THE VIDEOGRAPHER:
                                        We're off the
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      record at 11:06 a.m.
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                     (Recess: 11:06 to 11:13 a.m.)
                    THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on
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13
      record at 11:13 a.m.
     BY MS. DUGAN:
14
          Q.
                All right.
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                So let's see, in his email on June 1st,
16
      the chief -- let's see. This is Exhibit --
17
          Α.
                8.
18
          Q.
19
                8?
                    8.
                So on page 2, in that kind of middle
20
     paragraph, he says (reading): The mob moved to
21
         the sidewalks.
22
                When you were watching the live stream,
2.3
24
     were you -- did it look like a mob to you?
                                                    Is that
      a word you would have used?
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                Which paragraph is that?
          Α.
                It's the first full paragraph on the
2
          Q.
      second page. It's the last sentence.
3
4
          Α.
                I'm sorry. I'm not seeing that.
                                                   The
      second --
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6
          Q.
                The page that I've --
7
                Oh, so I wasn't watching this particular
          Α.
8
              I mostly saw Tre Stewart when he was -- the
      one I was referring to earlier he was -- they were
9
10
     walking words the U of O. They may have even been
11
     on the U of O campus. And I also saw a little bit
      of what he did from the parking garage. He had,
12
13
      like, climbed up in the parkade and was looking back
      down on -- I think that's Broadway right there.
14
15
                So I didn't -- I did not see this so I
      don't -- I don't know what it was.
16
17
          Q.
                Okay.
                Did the chief, on May 31st, describe to
18
     you that there was a mob?
19
                I don't recall him using that word.
20
          Α.
21
                Did the chief express any sort of animus
22
      towards the people who were walking on the sidewalks
      toward the University?
2.3
24
          Α.
                No.
                I'm trying to get a better sense of what
25
          Q.
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steps you took before declaring the city-wide curfew
1
     with moments of decision-making involved.
2
                Did you defer completely to the chief's
3
4
     recommendations, or did you say, "I want to check
     some facts. I want to talk to some other folks"?
5
6
                     I deferred to the chief. And it was
7
     based on the level of concern in his voice. And I
8
     asked him, "You need to give me your professional
     opinion on what's going to keep the community safe."
9
                And he said, "It needs to happen at
10
11
     11:00."
                And I believed him, and I made it happen
12
13
     at 11:00.
                And on June 1st do you recall why you did
14
     not expand the curfew city-wide at any point?
15
                There was never a need to.
          Α.
16
17
          Ο.
                The chief never asked you to?
          Α.
                No.
18
                And the chief didn't ask you for a curfew
19
          Q.
     on June 2nd?
20
          Α.
                No.
21
22
          Q.
                So every time the chief asked you for a
23
     curfew you gave him the curfew he had requested
24
     including the location and the exact times he had
     asked for.
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Is that correct?

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- A. I relied on his public safety expertise, yes.
- Q. And in retrospect, do you have any concerns at this point about those decisions that you made?
- A. I made the best decision I could with the information I had at the time. So it's easy to go back and say, Oh, could we have done this? Could we have done this? But I feel really good about how we handled it.
- Q. So if in a couple of weeks there was another protest situation and the chief asked you for a curfew, would you want to have any other process in place to do it any differently than you did it last time?
- $$\operatorname{MR}.$$ MILLER: I'm going to object to the extent it calls for speculation.

Go ahead.

A. Well, we had multiple, multiple, multiple nights of protests after this where we didn't call for a curfew, so we've said publicly that we learned through this process and that as things de-escalated, we changed our tools and we were reasonable and responsible about that.

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                I would be -- if the police -- if the
      chief was calling and asking for a curfew, even
2
      speculatively, I'd have to imagine there was
3
4
      something significant happening of a public safety
5
                I'd have to evaluate that when I got
6
      there.
7
     BY MS. DUGAN:
8
          Q.
                Okay.
                So the process hasn't changed at all.
9
10
      that correct? The process of obtaining a curfew, or
      issuing a curfew, issuing an emergency order --
11
                I would have to do an emergency
12
13
      declaration. So not knowing what you're
      speculating, I don't know if I would or I wouldn't,
14
15
      so it's . . .
                Aside from speculation, has anything
16
      changed in the city manager's office about that
17
     process of issuing an executive order, executive
18
      directive, and a curfew?
19
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                The emergency management plan is the same,
      our code is the same, and I would use the same brain
21
22
     that I had before.
2.3
          Q.
                Okay.
24
                Yeah.
                       There's not a standard operating
          Α.
25
     procedure.
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          Q.
                Okay.
                So the impact -- I forget what they call
2
      it -- the community impact cases that led to -- and
3
4
      are still kind of underway leading to some
      recommendations for change -- have you been
5
6
      considering those as far as potentially making
7
      changes in the process of issuing executive orders,
8
      emergency orders, and curfews?
                We haven't had that discussion yet. I'm
9
10
      open to that.
11
          Q.
                Nobody has brought that up with you?
          Α.
12
                No.
13
                Do you -- have you gathered any statistics
      about the cost of the law enforcement response on
14
     May 31st?
15
16
          Α.
                No.
                Have you gathered any statistics about how
17
      effective the curfew was on May 31st?
18
                I'm not sure what statistics you would
19
          Α.
      look at for that. Can you give me an example of
20
21
      something?
22
                Number of property damage complaints
     before and after? Number of arrests?
2.3
24
                No, I haven't gathered those.
          Α.
25
          Q.
                Whether the arrests were actually
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     prosecuted? Whether any officer was found to be
2
     violating policy during the curfew as far as how
      they enforced it?
3
4
                I personally have not gathered those
      statistics.
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6
          Q.
                Have you been reading any of the
7
      information that's coming out of the civilian review
8
     board meetings?
9
          Α.
                I have not.
                When you were studying for your master's
10
          Q.
      degree, did you have any education on how to do city
11
     management in coordination with law enforcement?
12
13
          Α.
                No.
                Did you have any training on anything
14
          Q.
      regarding protester rights or First Amendment rights
15
      in the context of city management?
16
          Α.
17
                No.
                    MS. DUGAN: No further questions.
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                    THE WITNESS:
                                   Thanks.
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                    THE VIDEOGRAPHER: All right. We are
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     going off the record at 11:21 a.m.
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                     (The deposition was concluded
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                     at 11:21 a.m.)
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     State of Oregon
                              ss.
     County of Lane
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3
          I, Sara Fahey Wilson, CSR, a Certified Shorthand
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5
     Reporter for the State of Oregon, certify that the
     witness was sworn and the transcript is a true
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     record of the testimony given by the witness; that
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     at said time and place I reported all testimony and
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     other oral proceedings had in the foregoing matter;
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     that the foregoing transcript consisting of 58 pages
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     contains a full, true and correct transcript of said
     proceedings reported by me to the best of my ability
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     on said date.
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          If any of the parties or the witness requested
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     review of the transcript at the time of the
     proceedings, such correction pages are attached.
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          IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 13th
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     day of July 2021, in the City of Eugene, County of
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     Lane, State of Oregon.
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